

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Now are they the same ones that suggest that they can live within their budget and they're coming in with the recommendation on a lid bill?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Drive that by again?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I read, and again I just was interested, I read where the County Official's Association in some counties are in favor of a lid limitation in terms of percentage increase and budget.

SENATOR GOODRICH: I'm sorry, I'm not versed on what that proposal or that stand is. Senator Kahle is rather interested in that group. Maybe he could respond to your question. The County Official's Association has, and I can give you copies of it if you'd like, endorsed this particular bill in it's present form.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Thank you, Senator Goodrich. Then I'd ask Senator Kahle.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Kahle, would you respond if you can?

SENATOR KAHLE: I'll try.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Have the County Official's Association proposed that there be a lid, in terms of expenditure in subdivisions of government, for next year?

SENATOR KAHLE: Well, Senator Lewis, I was not able to attend all the sessions of the County Official's but if I understand the thing correctly this is really coming from the Governor rather than from the County Officials, I believe. The County Officials have wanted to get rid of this 20% medical vendor for some time.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Is this part of the deal that the Governor was making with the County Officials? Part of the horse trading? The vote swapping?

SENATOR KAHLE: I have no idea whether there was a deal made. It was in the paper.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Well, the paper said deal but I've heard the Governor so many times say he doesn't make deals, I knew that was a misquote.

SENATOR KAHLE: I can't comment on that. I have no idea, only what I read in the paper. I do know that the counties have wanted to get rid of the 20%. I have not always agreed with that stand, however.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well, Mr. President, at this time, I rise to oppose the bill. It appears to me there may be some kind of maneuvering in terms of finances between the Governor and the County Officials and until the full details of those agreements are on the floor of this Legislature, I refuse to be a party to that kind of situation because the Governor said many times, there's no place in government for vote swapping, horse trading and certainly I'm not going to participate in those kind of approaches, so Senator Goodrich, I would appreciate, I'd appreciate if you'd come forward to us and reveal to this body here, the